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on Wednesday, 20 April 1994, at 11 a.m.

President Mr. BUTLER (Australia)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.15 a.m.

ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS (continued)

World Food Council

Mr. RODRIGUE (Haiti), speaking as Chairman of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, said that, the day before, the Group had nominated two of its members, Honduras and Peru, for election to the World Food Council and those nominations had been approved for election by the General Assembly to that body. However, Peru, was already a member of the World Food Council; its term of office would expire on 31 December 1995. The nomination concerning Peru submitted the day before should therefore be considered null and void.

Another member of the Group, Colombia, would like to be a member of the World Food Council and he inquired whether the Economic and Social Council would consider that nomination despite its late submission.

The PRESIDENT declared the nomination of Peru, approved at the 6th meeting, invalid. Moreover, as there were fewer candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States than there were vacancies allotted to it - after the approval of the nomination of Honduras the day before, there were still two vacancies to be filled by the Group - the Council had no problem in accepting the nomination of Colombia. He therefore proposed to the Council that it should approve the nomination of Colombia for election by the General Assembly to the World Food Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

It was so decided.

Commission on Human Rights

The PRESIDENT, noting that there were more candidates from the Group of Asian States for the Commission on Human Rights than there were vacancies to be filled, invited the Council to elect by secret ballot six members of the Commission from that Group for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) read out the following list of candidates: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Mr. ERDENECHULUUN (Mongolia), speaking as Chairman of the Group of Asian States, stressed that the Group supported only six of the eight candidates.

The PRESIDENT took note of that additional information and pointed out that it in no way changed the election process.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Robles (Mexico) and Mr. Dunlavey (United States of America) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Sri Lanka:	53
Bangladesh:	49
India:	49
Philippines:	46
Bhutan:	44
Nepal:	43
Democratic People's Republic of Korea:	15
Syrian Arab Republic:	14

Having obtained the required majority, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, the Philippines and Sri Lanka were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.

The PRESIDENT said that the Council had thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 2 and declared the resumed organizational session of the Council closed.

The meeting rose at noon